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HEALING HANDS - Dr. Sinclair Cox, middle, preps a patient for laparoscopic gallbladder surgery at Olds hospital on Dec. 22. See story on page 2.

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Over \$100,000 of new equipment coming to Didsbury hospital *Rosebud Health Foundation approved to purchase four new pieces*

BY MADISON SAMUEL-BARCLAY
Review Staff

The Rosebud Health Foundation has recently been approved for the purchase of four new pieces of medical equipment for the Didsbury hospital, following a meeting on December 20.

The four pieces of equipment are a gauge to measure high pressure, a blood-gas analyzer, motorized parallel bars and a real-time, mobile X-ray machine.

The mobile X-ray machine is the largest equipment piece of the bundle, with an estimated cost of \$80,000 and a three-month delivery period.

The machine will allow medical staff to see broken, dislocated and fractured bones in real time, making it easier and faster to fix injuries, as well as making sure that the bone is set correctly the first time.

The motorized parallel bars have an estimated cost of \$10,300 and will be installed in the physiotherapy room. The

high pressure gauge and blood-gas analyzer are the less expensive of the four items, with the first costing over \$10,000 and the second sitting closer to \$4,000.

The total cost of the four purchases is an estimated \$120,500. Funds for the equipment have already been collected and reserved by the foundation in preparation for the approved purchases, according to Rosebud Health Foundation Chairman Clem Kuelker.

"We are always glad when we can be of help, and these are certainly not the first pieces we've purchased over the years," said Kuelker. "We've purchased maybe 15 or 16 new pieces over the years, and it's still an ongoing process."

The new equipment will be following the Rosebud Health Foundation's other recent hospital project. The "Good Room", named after longtime Rosebud volunteer Verne Good, was finished being refurbished roughly six weeks ago and is open for hospital patients' use.

The room is a new, fresh sitting and



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lounge area, where people can sit and relax, watch TV and more. The room came to be following Good's selling of his local law practice some time ago. Funds collected from the sale were donated towards the lounge room refurbishing.

The Rosebud Health Foundation had also only recently installed new, updated equipment in the hospital's physiotherapy room as well.

"These kinds of items are required to

keep our facility up to a certain standard," said Kuelker.

Kuelker added that an up-to-par medical facility allows more medical staff to work and want to continue working in a small-community setting such as Didsbury.

"Retention of medical staff is important to small communities," said Kuelker.

With the exception of the X-ray machine, which may take three months or longer to be delivered after its purchase, and medical staff trained to use it, the other new items may be available to the hospital within six to eight weeks.

The Rosebud Health Foundation is a volunteer organization established in 1996 to allow the general public to have an avenue to provide bequests and financial support to all facilities under the Didsbury District Health Services area. Since its start, the Rosebud Health Foundation has donated over \$400,000 of equipment and other aids to the hospital and other facilities.

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AHS expands day surgery program in Olds

BY JULIE BERTRAND
For The Review

The operating room at the Olds Hospital and Care Centre (OHCC) will now be open five days a week for surgical day procedures, instead of two and a half days.

"As a result of Alberta Health Services wanting to decrease surgical wait-lists and improve access, there was an opportunity to do a surgical expansion project, which is in partnership between Red Deer, Innisfail and Olds," said Colleen Simon, OHCC site leader.

"We have had a ... very well-established operating room program at Olds Hospital for about 20 years, with very modern equipment and very high standards of care. Because of that, it was easy for Alberta Health Services to choose Olds to increase surgical services."

The surgery expansion project comes from a \$16.7-million provincial government plan to increase the number of high-priority surgeries by 5,000 in Alberta.

"We want to increase our surgical cases by 963," said Simon.

"The goal for 2012 is a total of 1,610 cases. That is approximately seven cases per operating day."

Before the day surgery expansion project, OHCC would do about 800 surgical procedures a year.

OHCC will share its operating room with Red Deer surgeons, who will use it two days out of the week to perform general surgery, such as laparoscopic cholecystectomies, hernias and varicose vein ligations, and orthopedic surgeries, such as arthroscopies of knees, small foot procedures, and ganglion removal.

Dr. Sinclair Cox, OHCC general surgeon, will use the remaining operating room days to perform major and minor surgeries.

"Before the announcement in September, I would do surgeries three mornings a week as far as major surgeries are concerned, and I would do four or five cases every morning," he explained.

"In addition to that, I would do what I would call minor surgeries, like carpal tunnels."

Cox gets carpal tunnel surgery patients from Calgary, Airdrie, Innisfail, Red Deer and the local area.

"We are inundated with requests with carpal tunnels," he said.

"For example, I did 19 cases on Dec. 19."

A general practitioner will also use some of the operating room time to perform caesarean sections, tonsillectomies and other minor procedures.

Thanks to the increase, OHCC was able to open up eight previously closed beds in the west wing, which has now become the surgical unit.

"In addition to that, we have received hundreds of thousands of dollars of new equipment in our medical device reprocessing area," said Simon.

"We own a lot of new, state-of-the-art sterilization and ultrasound equipment so that we are able to properly and safely sterilize the expanded volume of surgical instruments that we have."

Meanwhile, the ophthalmology surgery program (excluding general anesthesia and pediatric procedures) will move from Red Deer Regional Hospital Centre to Innisfail Hospital and Care Centre.

Personalized care

Cox believes that the surgery program at OHCC is as good as the province's teaching hospitals, despite being smaller.

"We offer a highly personalized treatment," he said.

"When we were building the surgery program up, we had to overcome 'bigger is better.' It's



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Dr. Sinclair Cox, second from right, performs laparoscopic gallbladder surgery at Olds Hospital on Dec. 22.

got to be better in Red Deer, Calgary and so on."

When patients are sent to OHCC for surgery, they are treated by the same doctor throughout their stay.

"I will see them and I will be doing the surgery. I will not be delegating this to someone else," Cox said.

Pre-admission clinic nurses, who also are operating room nurses, will then see the patients. After that, the patients will get a visit from the anesthesiologist.

"I know that does not happen elsewhere," Cox said.

The patients will also be given a firm surgery date on their first visit.

Cox set up the surgery program at OHCC in such a way so that patients would see familiar faces on the day of the surgery and have no surprises.

Moreover, gallbladder surgery patients get to take home a video explaining the disease and the treatment, as well as a pamphlet describing the operation.



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Dr. Sinclair Cox scrubs up before surgery.

"Before I see them, they watch the video at their own pace. They read the pamphlet at their own pace," he said.

"When I see them, I put every-

thing into perspective for them and I add certain other information. I ask them if they have questions. I would tell you that 99.9 per cent of people say no."



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Second snow fence a possibility

BY MADISON SAMUEL-BARCLAY
Review Staff

A complaint about snow removal and maintenance near the former high school basketball courts was brought before councillors at the December 6 Committee of the Whole meeting, resulting in a possible second snow fence to be put into place by the courts in the near future.

The complaint presented to the committee was that the sidewalks and intersection by the courts were not being properly cleared following a snowfall as opposed to other intersections in Didsbury, and that this was hazardous, especially since many children use the sidewalk and crosswalk by the courts to get to school.

While snow maintenance with snow blowers and BobCats does go through the area, it was expressed that the job being done by snow removal staff for this area was not an effective one, and that in some circumstances snow blowers would blow snow up onto the cars that frequently parked along the road in the area.

An individual presenting the complaint before councillors expressed that residents living around the courts had been taking extra time to clear the extra snow, but that it was an unnecessary effort.

"I've got my own sidewalk to look after," the resident said.

A snow fence had been put up to help prevent snow from blowing into the residential area by the basketball courts. However, it was proposed to the committee that a second snow fence be put into place.

It was suggested that the new fence be placed by the old football field located near the basketball courts to help further reduce snowdrifts blowing into the residential area.

The committee made a motion to pass the second snow fence proposal on to administration for further consideration. At this time no decision has been made yet as to whether or not a second snow fence will be put into place.

Checkstop catches hitchhiking carjacker

BY JENNIFER ISAAC
For The Review

A 26-year-old Red Deer man is facing 12 criminal charges after he abandoned his car near Carstairs and hitched a ride with a Good Samaritan last week.

"On Thursday, December 29 at 1342 hours, we received several complaints of a dangerous and possibly impaired driver in a yellow 2003 Chevrolet Monte Carlo with B.C. licence plates," said Cpl. Darrin Turnbull of the Airdrie Integrated Traffic Unit. "Patrols were made and the Monte Carlo was found abandoned on the side of the road near Carstairs."

Police were unaware that the male driver and lone occupant of the Monte Carlo had run out of gas and had hitched a ride with

a passing motorist, a Good Samaritan who was travelling alone.

"The Good Samaritan quickly realized that the hitchhiker was intoxicated and behaving irrationally," said Cpl. Turnbull.

"He attempted to convince the hitchhiker to allow him to drop him off in Airdrie, but the hitchhiker made demands to be driven all the way into Calgary."

"The good Samaritan told the hitchhiker he had to turn at Airdrie to go to B.C."

At that point, Cpl. Turnbull said, the hitchhiker pulled a jackknife, threatening the Good Samaritan.

"The hitchhiker demanded that the Good Samaritan pull over to the side of the road, which he did on southbound Highway 2 at the off-ramp to Yankee

Valley Boulevard in Airdrie."

The hitchhiker then stole the Good Samaritan's car and wallet, ordering him out of the car and driving away.

"The Good Samaritan immediately called 911," said Cpl. Turnbull.

The hitchhiker headed eastbound onto Yankee Valley Boulevard, where several members of the Airdrie RCMP happened to be conducting an impaired driving checkstop in the westbound lanes.

"RCMP members were able to stop the vehicle mere minutes after the robbery," added Cpl. Turnbull. "The hitchhiker was taken into custody."

William Clayton Bradshaw, 26, had been out of jail for just 12 days. He is facing the following charges: impaired driving; dangerous driving; refusal

to provide a breath sample; suspended driving; possession of a dangerous weapon; carrying a concealed weapon; armed robbery; obstruction of a police officer; assault of a police officer; and three counts of breach probation.

"Luckily, the Good Samaritan was not injured during this ordeal," said Cpl. Turnbull.

"Following the demands of the hitchhiker likely prevented him from being assaulted by this dangerous and intoxicated male."

Police wish to remind motorists of the possible dangers of picking up any hitchhikers.

"If a citizen observes a stranded motorist who appears to require assistance, it's best to call police and allow them to check on the motorist's well-being," said Cpl. Turnbull.

Review launched into imaging, pathology

BY PETER BOER
For The Review

Alberta's review of diagnostic imaging and pathology testing will focus on how the services are provided as a whole instead of examining individual locations or individuals for competency, the health minister said Thursday.

In an interview with the St. Albert Gazette, Alberta Health and Wellness

Minister Fred Horne said the province-wide review will examine best practices at the quality and assurance level as opposed to day-to-day operations.

"It's definitely focused on the best practices in the system," Horne said. "This really has to do with how care is organized."

The minister's sweeping review of imaging and pathology testing province-wide came moments after a

similar but smaller review was announced for Drumheller.

Alberta Health Services will be examining CT, ultrasound and x-ray results after it was discovered that a pathologist made interpretation errors in 34 cases. All of those patients are being notified by AHS for follow-up.

The last six weeks have also seen two other high-profile cases where test

results might have been presented incorrectly. In November, the Rockyview General Hospital had to review 31 pathology tests due to potential concerns with a piece of equipment, and earlier this month AHS disclosed it was reviewing 1,700 cases at the Royal Alexandra Hospital after it alleged a pathologist had misread some samples taken from cancer patients.

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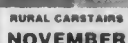
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Health system changes require clear mandate for Premier Redford



DAN SINGLETON

Although Premier Alison Redford continues to hold a large lead over her opposition party rivals, at least according to recent polls, it would be a mistake for the new Alberta leader to assume she has a free hand to radically modify the province's public health-care system at this point.

While Redford certainly does have the backing of the Alberta Progressive Conservative Party, as evi-

denced by her recent leadership win, she does not yet have a new mandate from Alberta voters.

And until that happens, Redford should hold back any plans she may or may not have to introduce major health-care reforms until the next provincial election campaign has run its course.

The ever-contentious issue of public versus private health care recently raised its head again when federal Conservative finance minister Jim Flaherty announced a new formula for federal health transfers to the provinces.

In an announcement that caused an immediate stir among premiers from coast to coast, Flaherty said in four years' time federal transfer payments to the provinces will be tied to Gross Domestic Product. According to some observers, that new system could translate into markedly reduced cash flow into Alberta to pay for hospitals and other health-care services.

Premiers from Saskatchewan, Nova Scotia, Manitoba, P.E.I., Newfoundland, Ontario and Quebec all questioned the Flaherty plan.

"It will essentially divide the country into wealthier provinces that have a better ability to provide health care and those with lesser ability to be able to provide the same services," Nova Scotia Premier Darrell Dexter reportedly said.

Alberta Premier Redford, on the other hand, reportedly said her government is willing to cooperate with the federal government to make the new plan work.

In response, Liberal opposition leader Raj Sherman says he believes Redford's positive reaction to the Flaherty plan points to hidden plans to privatized health care in Alberta.

"Our premier is silent, which suggests to me that she and her old boys' club cabinet are perfectly happy to see health transfers trimmed, because it suits their backroom agenda to privatize public health care," said Sherman.

Anyone who has followed Alberta politics in recent years knows very well that the opposition parties have played the "privatization of health care" card many times, all with little or no impact at the polls.

Yet this time around, Premier Redford would be on dangerous political ground if she uses the announcement of the Flaherty plan as an excuse to move ahead with major health-care reforms before first garnering a new and clear mandate from Alberta voters.



Commentary

What's ahead for Alberta's economy

TODD HIRSCH

Coming hot on the heels of the worst global economic downturn in our generation, 2011 was supposed to be a year of relative calm and stability for the world.

It turns out that it didn't follow the script! The debt ceiling crisis in the United States, financial turmoil in Europe, and even worries in Asia's emerging economies punctuated the economic headlines around the world in 2011. Hardly a year of relative calm.

Alberta, on the other hand, bucked the global trends with an economy that actually picked up steam over the year. The provincial labour market added approximately 100,000 new jobs (+4.8 per cent) – all of them full-time and in the private sector. Other indicators such as retail sales and manufacturing pointed towards an economy definitely on the mend from the downturn in 2008-09.

The primary factor driving the recovery was without question crude oil. With prices ending the year near \$US100 per barrel, the province's energy sector is in very good shape. Activity in conventional drilling and the oilsands led the charge (while natural gas prices remained weak). A very strong year for agriculture added to the overall optimism in 2011.

Of course, a big economic newsmaker in 2011 was the delay of the Keystone XL pipeline. Sidelined in the U.S. for political reasons, the delay does put Alberta in a new and interesting situation. What is significant about this event is that it heralds the beginning of a new era in which building pipelines is now much more difficult. This poses a new level of

risk.

What lies in store for Alberta in 2012?

Although the province did seem somewhat immune from the global softness in 2011, the fate of the province's economy in the coming year still depends on what happens elsewhere.

The U.S. economy could be hobbled in 2012 by its ongoing problems in the labour and housing markets. Sure, the unemployment rate did fall encouragingly below nine per cent, but that was driven more by discouraged workers dropping out of the job hunt, rather than new jobs being created. Not much of a ringing endorsement of labour market strength.

The housing market remains mired in the mud with prices, starts, and sales all flat. Political rhetoric was bad enough in 2011 with the debt ceiling talks, but it could intensify in 2012 leading up to November's presidential election. All of these factors combined point to slow economic growth at best for America.

Europe will continue to dominate global headlines as any resolution to government debt problems – perhaps with a tighter fiscal union across the continent – will take time to implement. The emerging economies of China and India will remain at the top of the global growth totem pole, albeit at a slower pace.

All of this puts the Canadian economy (and to a certain extent, Alberta's economy) at risk. As a very trade-dependant nation, we remain captive to the economic state of our global trade partners – particularly the United States. With their economy stuck in neutral, it may be a tough slog for Canadian exporters.

So what is the economic script for Alberta in 2012?

The situation in this province will remain highly unique. With relatively less exposure to consumer-oriented manufacturing than Central Canada, and with oil and agricultural composing the vast majority of our exports, Alberta's economic vulnerability is on the commodity side. And while we export very little oil or grain to China, that country's fortunes in 2012 could be the make-or-break for Alberta. If China's economy starts to show serious signs of slowdown (or worse, recession), oil and other commodity prices are likely to plunge, leaving Alberta in trouble.

The plausible scenario in 2012 looks like this: the American economy will be soft, but not in recession; Europe will enter a credit-crunch led recession, but the fallout will be felt less severely on this side of the Atlantic; China and India will see some moderation in growth, but won't touch recession.

Commodity prices – particularly crude oil – should remain solid. Oil will continue to trade in the range of \$US80-100 per barrel, which will leave Alberta's economy in very good shape.

A plausible (but not impossible) scenario sees extreme financial turmoil in Europe, leading to the collapse of its currency and banking system. This would be enough to drag the U.S. into a credit-crunch recession. And if Europe and the U.S. are both in deep contraction, China will get dragged down too. Crude oil would get pushed to \$US60 or lower.

And what that scenario would do to Alberta is too unpleasant to ponder this close to Christmas!

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Commentary

Forget resolutions, start a 30-day trial

AARON HOLMES

This year, forget resolutions. Do 30-day trials instead.

There's no particular reason to make resolutions around January first.

Anything you could change with a resolution you could change anyway. You don't need the calendar's approval.

Don't set yourself up for failure. Breaking a resolution erodes your confidence that you can accomplish things you set your mind to.

Set yourself up for a win with the 30-day trial. Whatever you're changing, do it every day for 30 consecutive days. Then you've

succeeded.

Substitute your own issue: exercise, diet, getting up early, eating a good breakfast, keeping your desk organized - whatever it is you're looking to improve.

To an external observer, your behaviour wouldn't be any different than a resolution, but psychologically that 30 days is a bite-sized win. Your brain gets rewarded for following through on its commitment and you become more confident you can follow through on other things in the future.

The 30 days is short enough that whatever you're considering, you can muscle through and get it done. After all it's only 30

days. It's also long enough that if you decide that what you're testing is making your life better you can easily lock in the routine. Otherwise, you can decide that you've given it a fair shot and that it's not for you.

Power tip: Tweak the system. If you want to get up and run, wear your exercise shorts to bed. Have the shoes right there, then wake up and start running before you even think about it. When you're awake, make it easy for the groggy you of tomorrow morning to execute your action plan.

Don't go crazy. If you want your change to stick, most people can only change one (maybe two)

things at a time. Start with one change and see how it goes.

After 30 days and it's become routine then you can keep going and add something else. If you overload on the changes too early you'll crack and the changes might not stick.

Leveraging the power of routines can help you make your life what you want it to be.

You have the power to make the changes, not the calendar. Stick with them for 30 days, and even if you decide not to continue, you've successfully tried something out. Get the win, build the routine, and soon you'll find yourself doing better than you ever expected. Happy new year.

Letter to the Editor

Gov't failing to close dozens of anti-democratic loopholes

The citizens' organization Democracy Watch has noted that in Canada it is still effectively legal for a person like Karlheinz Schreiber to fundraise for and make secret donations to nomination race and party leadership candidates, to lobby and make secret deals with cabinet ministers and government employees, and for everyone involved to be dishonest about their secret, unethical relationships.

The current move by the Conservatives to hold parliamentary committee meetings behind closed doors is just one more example of a government that talks about open government but won't practice it, and has certainly failed to close dozens of anti-democratic loopholes that still exist.

Larry Kazdan
Vancouver, B.C.



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You could be fined \$115.00 if your pet is not licensed with the Town of Didsbury. The fine can be issued either through complaints or if your pet is picked up/spotted by a Town of Didsbury Peace Officer. Please register your pet and prevent any possible chances of fines being incurred.

Also remember that you are only legally permitted to have up to 2 dogs and 3 cats in a place of residence within the Town limits.

Thank you,

M. Trotter, Community Peace Officer

D. Sutherland, Community Peace Officer



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- **BUSY BUDDIES** - The Town of Didsbury is offering this popular program introducing games, basic crafts, sing songs and finger plays. Parents must attend class with child. Join us Wednesday mornings from 11:00 am - 12:00 noon, January 12 - February 16 at Didsbury Neighborhood place. For children aged 2 - 4 years. Cost is \$38 for the 6 weeks.
- **TODDLER GYM TIME** - Join Town of Didsbury staff for a high energy hour in the Multi-Purpose Room. Check out our age appropriate toys and gym equipment. This course is for children under 3 years old. January 13 - February 17 from 10:00 am - 11:00 am. Cost is \$38 for 6 weeks.
- **RED CROSS BABYSITTING** - The Town of Didsbury is offering a Babysitting Course on Saturday, January 22 from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. For ages 11+. Cost of this course is \$55.00. Phone Didsbury Neighborhood Place at 403.335.8719.
- **MOTHER'S UNITE SALE** - The Town of Didsbury is hosting our annual Mother's Unite Sale. Call to book a table for \$15.00 and sell your gently used children's clothing, toys, strollers, etc. (children's items only). From 9:00 am - 2:00 pm on Saturday, January 22, 2011. Please call DNP at 403.335.8719.

For more information or to register, call Didsbury Neighborhood Place at 403-335-8719.

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Town Office: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm	403-335-3391
Public Works: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm	403-335-8343
Town of Didsbury after hours pager	403-507-3624
Planning & Infrastructure	403-335-3391
Didsbury Neighborhood Place	403-335-8719
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2011 Top Stories

Museum designated a historic site

Didsbury's museum, the old red brick schoolhouse, was designated in April as a Provincial Historic Resource.

Designated because of its historical and architectural significance, the town is eligible for a maximum of \$50,000 of matching funds per year to go towards preserving its heritage.

The red brick school was built in 1907, and to finance the undertaking, 30-year debentures were issued at six per cent on the first \$18,000 and eight per cent on the remaining \$10,000. Two major fires destroyed most of the town in 1913 and 1914 and the schoolhouse became a main public facility.

It was also used as a hospital during the Spanish influenza outbreak in 1918.

The building remained part of the school system until 1984 before it became the museum.

First Habitat house completed

Habitat for Humanity Mountain View affiliate handed over the keys to its first-ever build in Didsbury to a deserving family on May 7.

In 2010 a handful of volunteers started the construction of the bungalow in the Valarosa neighbourhood.

More than 20 volunteers, six members of the organi-

zation, and 340 hours were used to complete the house and surrounding landscaping.

It's the seventh home the organization has built within Mountain View County's urban centres since 2002.

Pride washes over Didsbury

A May 27 street party and dance in Didsbury went ahead under a new name, when organizers decided a week before the event that the name 'Didsbury Pride' was causing too much confusion.

Town council agreed to change the event's name from Didsbury Pride: Street Party and Dance to Didsbury Community Pride.

Town officials fielded calls from people who were confused by the wording Didsbury Pride, which had some people wondering if it was specifically meant as a gay and lesbian pride event.

"I've had people ask about it," said store owner Karen Griffin of Ulla-La Boutique. "There seems to have been a bit of confusion from people wondering if it was a pride parade but either way, I think it's going to be a great event."

She said based on the feedback from customers confused with the event, she felt a gay and lesbian pride event would be met with support if it were ever organized.



Noel West/ile photo

HOME DESTROYED - Firefighters from Didsbury, Carstairs and Olds fight a fire at a mobile home south of the intersection of Highway 582 and Highway 791 during the early afternoon Sept. 2. The home was completely destroyed by the blaze, with high winds contributing to the spread of the fire.

Offsite levy increases to \$23,546

After two years of debate, council approved a new offsite levy in May which increases the per acre tax for new development to \$23,546 from \$6,546.

The offsite levy is collected by the Town of Didsbury from developers and is put towards municipal infrastructure costs.

Developers said the increase in the tax would kill development in Didsbury as it would be

reflected in the cost of buying a house.

Mousseau retires from fire department

After 30 years as a volunteer firefighter and 18 as chief, Rick Mousseau stepped down from his duties in August and retired from the Didsbury Fire Department.

"There's lots of good memories," he said, looking back at his time spent rushing to fires, car accidents and other calls of distress over the years. "When there's a serious accident and you see a person's face, as soon as they recognize you they calm down. That's been the best thing to see," he said.

Mousseau joined the department in 1981 and was elected chief in 1993, maintaining his spot ever since.

"He's been a good chief, an excellent chief," said deputy fire chief Bob Wright.

Coleman a world champ For the second year in a row, Didsbury's Brian Coleman took the Calgary Stampede's world championship title for the six-horse hitch competition.

"It feels great," said Coleman, who has now taken the title four times. "It never feels bad."

Coleman, trainer and driver for six horses with Fork Ranch outfit of Bondurant, Wyo., also took the title in 2002 and 2004.

Dogs attack couple

A Didsbury-area man and woman suffered serious dog bites inflicted on various parts of their bodies from a dog attack July 26.

The couple, a 27-year-old woman and 28-year-old man, were attacked by two Akitas inside the home southwest of Didsbury on Westcott Road.

The two were returning to the house that is shared with another couple.

Entrance to the suite is gained through the garage where a male and female Akita were housed with seven new pups.

The woman came inside through the man door with her pet beagle, when the female Akita lunged at her.

The man intervened and the male dog jumped to attack as well.

The offending dogs were destroyed and their owner, Andrea Marie Strang, pleaded not guilty in Didsbury provincial court in

September to three charges under Mountain View County's animal control bylaw: two counts of allowing a dog to bite and one count of allowing a dog to cause damage to property.

Town acquires land, swaps properties

Town council approved the purchase of 45 acres of land for more than \$1 million from the now defunct Canadian Minerals Inc.

The land, now known as Shantz Crossing Business Park and located on the northeast corner of Highway 582 and 23 Street (Rge. Rd. 2.0), is slated for commercial and industrial development.

Council intends to pay for the land through plot sales to other developers.

With that purchase the town also had to take a loan of more than \$750,000 for water and sewer services left outstanding from the former owner of the land.

As well, the town received notice in the summer the province has finally approved a \$6.2 million grant to Didsbury for the expansion and revitalization of the sewer lagoon.

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The grant still leaves a \$6.8 million shortfall for the project, which will have a total cost of more than \$13 million. It is expected the money will be found through annual provincial municipal funding.

Town council also approved a \$1.6 million loan later in the summer to acquire ownership of the Truss Plant industrial shop that is intended to be home to the fire department and public works and parks staff.

Ownership of the property at 2602 - 19 St. legally changed hands on Sept. 1.

Council previously sold its current public works building for \$600,000 to the former owner of the Truss Plant, which included the Parks and Recreation shop as well as bus storage. In turn, the town acquired the Truss Plant.

\$6.1 million Wetlands Park opened

The town's new \$6.1 million North Industrial Wetlands Park officially opened Sept. 13.

Amidst a throng of schoolchildren, clowns, artists, community leaders and politicians from all three levels of government, the new seven-acre wetland and storm water treatment facility was unveiled to the public during a lavish grand opening and news conference.

Construction on the first phase began in June 2010 with the creation of the naturalized wetlands and the building of a 1,500-metre pathway, which increases the town's total paved system by 50 per cent.

Phase II of the project includes the installation of the remaining storm water piping system, curb and gutter installation, road and pathway paving, as well as initial landscaping and plantings.



Madison Samuel-Barclay/file photo

FIRST FEMALE - The Didsbury Elks Lodge #514 held its annual installation of officers ceremony on Nov. 24 inducting its first female Exalted Ruler, Shelley Fakir.

Phase III will see the completion of the landscaping and plantings expected to be completed in 2012.

O'Neill inducted into rodeo hall of fame

Longtime Didsbury resi-

dent and lifelong title-winning bronc rider Glen O'Neill has been inducted into the Canadian Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame (CPRHF).

The CPRHF is a not-for-profit organization that looks to preserve and



Noel West/file photo

VICTORY - With PC MLA Richard Marz announcing his retirement, the Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills PC constituency held a nomination vote Nov. 26 in Didsbury to elect a new contender for the expected 2012 provincial election. Darcy Davis is shown here in his moment of triumph with Al Kemmere, left, and William Stevenson who lost the race.

honour rodeo memorabilia and pro riders across Canada.

"It's pretty awesome," said O'Neill about his induction. "For the retired guys it's a great recognition of your career."

O'Neill retired from his

official rodeo career five years ago, and is now age 38, but began his award-winning journey when he was just a child, taking an interest in the sport at a young age while living in Australia.

Sawed off rifle found at thrift store

Volunteers at the Knox United Clothing Thrift Store in Didsbury discovered an unloaded sawed off .22 calibre rifle on the morning of December 12.

The rifle had been at the bottom of a clothing bag in the donation drop-off bin for the store.

Upon discovery, the rifle was immediately taken to the Didsbury RCMP detachment. RCMP seized the firearm as a "prohibited" item due to it being sawed off, or cut below the minimum prescribed barrel length.

"This is the first time I've been aware of a firearm being left in a thrift store box," said Sgt. Jeff Jacobson of the Didsbury RCMP. "It's definitely an unusual discovery, and quite concerning to the person who found it."

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Jazzercise open house coming to Didsbury

Unique charity opportunity and fitness comes together

BY MADISON SAMUEL-BARCLAY
Review Staff

The Jazzercise instructors of Didsbury, Carstairs and Westcott are coming together to present the Jazzercise Girls Night Out, happening at Westglen School in Didsbury on January 6.

The evening, beginning at 7 p.m., is an open house class for everyone in the county. The open house is also a part of kick-starting the three community classes' new years and is also a

great way for others to get started on their New Year's resolutions, according to Didsbury Jazzercise instructor Alisa Bisschop.

The open house will feature a regular Jazzercise class, refreshments, door prizes and a unique, small shopping opportunity.

Donations will be accepted at the door for the class. At the end of the evening, a name will be drawn and the winner can choose a charity of their choice to donate the collected proceeds to.

"It should be a really fun night, and we are expecting

quite a few people," said Bisschop. "Everyone is welcome."

The regular Jazzercise class is a 60-minute session that includes a warm-up, high-energy aerobic routines, muscle-toning and a cool-down stretch segment.

Jazzercise, for those unfamiliar with the activity, is a combination of dance, resistance training, Pilates, yoga, kick-boxing and more.

The program is accessible for people of every age and fitness type.



Noel West/Didsbury Review

Amy Lahucik skates with Katrina Burns at the Didsbury Memorial Arena last Friday. The pair was part of a group from the Didsbury Out Of School Care Association. School is back in session on Thursday.

Canada Spengler Cup team announced

BY MADISON SAMUEL-BARCLAY
Review Staff

Canada has been competing in the 2011 Spengler Cup, a hockey tournament held in Davos, Switzerland, from December 26 to December 31.

The roster of players is comprised of Canadian players who have been playing in Europe, as well as players

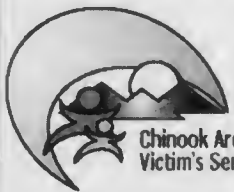
currently playing in the American Hockey League loaned to Hockey Canada by NHL teams.

Brad Pascall, Hockey Canada's vice-president of hockey operations/national teams, and Hockey Canada's national team staff (head coach Marc Crawford, and assistant coaches Doug Shedden and Trent Yawne), assembled this year's team.

Eight players on this year's

team were a part of last year's team, which lost the championship game. Three players were loaned by NHL teams.

The tournament included Canada National Men's Team, Czech Republic's HC Vitkovice Steel, Switzerland's HC Davos, Latvia's Dinamo Riga, Germany's EHC Grizzly Adams and Switzerland's Kloten Flyers.



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Church Directory

The REVIEW is pleased to provide this Church Directory as a community service

Anglican Church of Canada St. Cyprian's

2037 - 24th Ave. Didsbury - 403-335-4664

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Christmas Day Service: 10:30 a.m. Dec. 25

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For more information ph. - 403-335-4451

Redeemer Lutheran

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Church: 403-335-3161 / Res: 403-335-3656

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Adult Bible Study Sunday - 9:30 a.m.

Holy Communion 1 & 3 Sunday 10:30 a.m.

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Mountain View Evangelical

Missionary Church

14 km East of Didsbury Pastor Art Numan

Office: 403-335-4422

Morning Worship 11 a.m. • Sunday School 10 a.m.

For information concerning the weekly activities

please call the Church Office.

St. Anthony's Catholic

2030 - 24 Ave. Didsbury

For more information please contact

Claude Baril 403-335-3842

Catholic Women's League:

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The Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) has filed a need application for a two-staged approach for transmission system developments in central Alberta. This application does not include the exact locations and routing of electrical transmission developments, as this application is to determine the need for transmission upgrades. Applications will be submitted by AltaLink Management Ltd. for the facilities to meet the need identified in this application at a later date.

The AUC requests that anyone who intends to participate in the hearing submit, before **February 2, 2012**, a list of the issues to be presented and advise whether expert witnesses will be called. The pre-hearing conference will commence at **9:00 a.m. on February 9, 2012** and the hearing will commence at **9:00 a.m. on June 5, 2012**.

Stage One : targeted in-service between the end of 2012 and 2014

- Construct new substations and associated transmission lines in the vicinity of Didsbury, Innisfail and Ponoka
- Modify Benalto, Gaetz, North Red Deer, Innisfail, Ellis, NE Lacombe, Ponoka, Joffre and Prentiss substations
- Construct 20 km of new transmission line from NE Lacombe substation to Ellis substation
- Rebuild the following transmission lines:
 - five km of transmission line from South Red Deer substation to North Red Deer substation
 - five km of transmission line from South Red Deer substation to Red Deer substation.

- 35 km of transmission line from Red Deer substation to Benalto substation through Sylvan Lake substation.
- 45 km of transmission line from Red Deer substation to Joffre substation through Piper Creek substation.
- split transmission lines between North Red Deer substation and Gaetz substation.
- Decommission and salvage transmission lines between Wetaskawin substation and Ponoka substation, between West Lacombe and Ponoka substations and between Innisfail and Red Deer substations.
- Decommission Didsbury substation.

Stage Two: targeted in-service 2017

- Rebuild 20 km transmission line from Hartmattan substation to new Didsbury substation.

Participating in the hearing:

All interveners and counsel who expect to attend the hearing and present evidence should attend the pre-hearing conference. If you intend to present written evidence at the hearing, you must submit that written evidence to the AUC by **April 12, 2012**. Written evidence can be reports prepared by experts or written information (including maps, charts, photographs and narrative statements) prepared by an intervener personally. Any report that was prepared by an expert, and which is being filed in support of an intervener's position, must clearly state the qualifications of the expert who prepared the report and the name of the person who directed that the report was to be prepared. Evidence prepared by an intervener personally should indicate that fact clearly. Please be aware that the author of any report or other written evidence that an intervener expects the Commission to rely upon must be present and available at the hearing to be cross-examined.

The AUC must consider the AESO's assessment of the need to be correct unless someone satisfies the Commission that the need application is technically deficient, or that to approve it would not be in the public interest.

How to file a submission:

The AUC prefers that submissions be filed using the Digital Data Submission service on the AUC website (www.auc.ab.ca) found under E-filing services.

Guidelines on how to access and use the e-filing services are in the AUC Electronic Filings Services brochure, available in the Newsroom section of our website. For additional assistance, please contact the AUC at 780-643-1055.

Alternative submission methods:

email filings@auc.ab.ca with the required information or send a paper copy to the AUC.

Important dates

For a complete list of our process steps, please contact us or refer to the full notice of hearing found on our website.

	Date	Location
Information session	January 25, 2012, 7:00 p.m.	Information session, pre-hearing conference and hearing will be held at the
Issues list due	February 2, 2012	
Pre-hearing conference	February 9, 2012, 9:00 a.m.	Black Knight Inn 2929 50 Avenue Red Deer, AB T4R 1H1
Written evidence deadline	April 12, 2012	
Hearing	June 5, 2012, 9:00 a.m.	

Please include the following with your evidence:

- Proceeding ID No. 1368
- your name, address, phone number, email address.
- your representative's or lawyer's contact information, if applicable.
- the legal land description of your property.
- an explanation of why you believe the project is not in the public interest or is technically deficient.
- a statement as to whether you intend to attend the hearing and cross-examine the applicant at the hearing

Please be aware that any statement or information provided to us about this application is part of the public record, unless you apply for and are approved for an exemption by the AUC in advance of filing.

How to obtain more information:

For the full application, please go to the e-filings section of our website to access the proceeding or use this link:

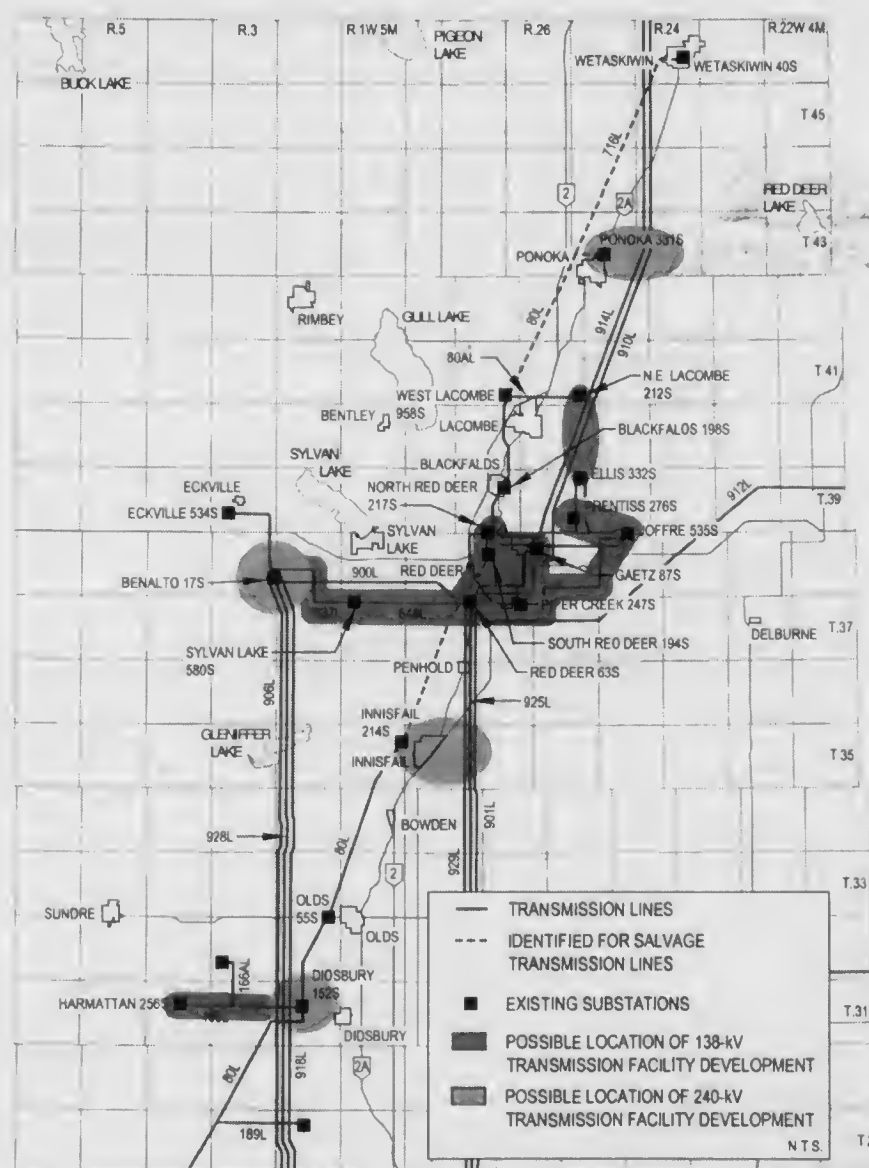
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If you do not have access to the Internet, please contact AESO for a paper copy of the application.

AESO contact: Nicole Weigel; Phone 403-539-2874; email need.applications@aeso.ca

AUC contact: Sophie Jiang, Facilities Division; Phone: 403-592-4418; email sophie.jiang@auc.ab.ca

The AUC is committed to ensuring that Albertans who believe that they may be directly and adversely affected by this planned development are informed about the application process and understand their opportunity for participation in the hearing process. The AUC will be holding an information session on January 25, 2012 with a presentation about the hearing process, and information with respect to obtaining funding to support your position.



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The Alberta Utilities Commission is an independent quasi-judicial agency responsible for making utility-related decision including the need for transmission development, and for transmission lines and substations.

Issued on December 16, 2011

Douglas A. Larder, Q.C. General Counsel

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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Meetings Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 21 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Donna at 403-335-8733 or Rick at 403-335-9525.

DIDSBURY LIFELINE Emergency Response System - Shirley 403-335-3787, Don 403-335-4676.

DIDSBURY ROYAL PURPLE #317 Regular meeting at 7:00 p.m., 2nd Wednesday of each month. For info call Irene Collinge 403-335-4589

ALANON: For family and friends of alcoholics. Alice 403-556-5911, Reg 403-337-3762.

DIDSBURY AND AREA SUPPORT GROUP For friends and families of people with Alzheimer's Disease and other forms of dementia. Join us the last Monday of each month, 7-9 p.m. Aspen Ridge Lodge, 1100 - 20 Ave., Didsbury. 403-335-9848. Dolina Watson, 403-335-7285.

DIDSBURY & DISTRICT HEALTH SERVICES AUXILIARY monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in Unit 4 at the hospital.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS 12-Step group for Compulsive Overeaters meets on Thursdays at 7 pm at St. Francis of Assisi Anglican Church, 130 Albert St., Airdrie. For more information call Deb at 403-948-0563 or Frankie at 403-335-3633.

3025 RCACC Didsbury Army Cadets Youth 12-18 Monday 6:30 - 9:30. Downstairs Victoria Square Mall 403-559-8801.

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She will be missed by her partner Den, son Colin, daughters Rachel and Katherine, her three grandchildren (Issae, Gwen and Aubrey), three sisters and brother and many friends and family. In lieu of flowers donations can be directed to Mennonite Central Committee Suite #210, 2946 - 32 Street N.E. Calgary, Alberta T1Y 6J7. Condolences to the family can be forwarded from www.mountainviewfuneralchapel.com. Memorial Service was held Thursday, December 29, 2011 at 2:00 P.M. at Mountain View Funeral Chapel. Arrangements entrusted to Mountain View Funeral Chapel 5226 - 46 Street, Olds, Alberta T4H 1B8. Phone: 403-556-3223.



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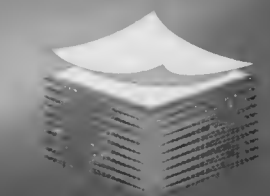
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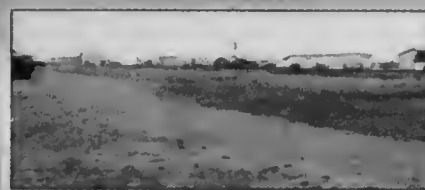
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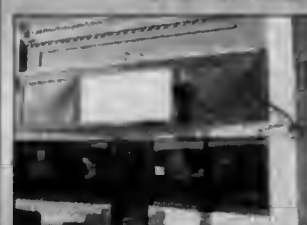
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